Introduced by Senator Hancock (Coauthor: Senator DeSaulnier)

February 16, 2010

An act to amend Section 30915 of, and to add Section 30914.2 to, the Streets and Highways Code, relating to transportation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1061, as amended, Hancock. San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge: capital projects.

Existing law specifies the respective powers and duties of the Department of Transportation, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, and the Bay Area Toll Authority relative to the state-owned toll bridges in the Bay Area. Existing law specifies the major capital projects on the bridges that may be funded from toll revenues. Existing law provides that the authority may increase the toll rates to provide funds for various purposes, including the planning, design, construction, operation, maintenance, repair, replacement, rehabilitation, and seismic retrofit of these bridges.

This bill would include, among the projects that may be funded from state-owned toll bridge revenues, a major project on the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge consisting of a bicycle-pedestrian-maintenance pathway linking the pathway on the replacement eastern span with San Francisco, subject to certain conditions. The bill would provide that the project may be sponsored by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. The bill would prohibit the Bay Area Toll Authority from increasing tolls to fund this project.

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Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 30914.2 is added to the Streets and 2 Highways Code, to read:
- 3 30914.2. In addition to any other authorized expenditures of toll bridge revenues, a major project on the San Francisco-Oakland
- 5 Bay Bridge consisting of a bicycle-pedestrian-maintenance pathway
- 6 linking the pathway on the replacement eastern span with San
- 7 Francisco may be funded from toll revenues under the jurisdiction
- 8 of the Bay Area Toll Authority, provided that the project is
- 9 included in the adopted regional transportation plan. The pathway
- 10 may include the capacity for maintenance vehicles if it does not
- 11 lower the bridge's height above the shipping channel. Prior to
- 12 approving the project and authorizing construction, the authority
- 13 shall make a finding that the pathway does not fundamentally alter
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- 14 the profile of the bridge. The project may be sponsored by the
- 15 Metropolitan Transportation Commission. *The authority may not*
- 16 increase tolls to fund this project, and subdivision (b) of Section
- 17 *30918 shall not apply to this project.*
- SEC. 2. Section 30915 of the Streets and Highways Code is amended to read:
- 20 30915. With respect to all construction and improvement
- 21 projects specified in Sections 30913, 30914, and 30914.2, project
- 22 sponsors and the department shall seek funding from all other
- 23 potential sources, including, but not limited to, the State Highway
- 24 Account and federal matching funds. The project sponsors and
- 25 department shall report to the authority concerning the funds
- 26 obtained under this section.